

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 17 with the following amended paragraph:

If the skewed lock prevention setting in one embodiment of the present invention is activated, the DNS performs additional steps to attempt to balance the workload across multiple web servers of an Internet host. In one embodiment, the DNS periodically reads and processes the recent web server access logs to build a list of the top few client domains that have requested to be connected to one of the web servers of the Internet host. In one embodiment, the list includes the top *m* client domains that have connected to the web servers in the past few days. In one embodiment, a client domain is defined as a collection of clients or proxies that collectively cache DNS responses. An example of client domains include the large ISPs, which collectively provide Internet access to a large segment of the Internet community.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 22, line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

Thus, what has been described [[as]] is an improved method for providing IP addresses with a DNS server for multiple web servers. With the presently described method, the workload between multiple servers is more evenly distributed. In addition, the present invention provides a fault tolerant, network friendly, self-learning DNS server that reduces the probability of major ISPs from locking onto a single web server.